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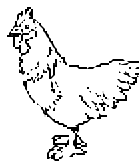
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Movement into all channels was light to moderate, better where retail ads and fast food promotions were present, and also where seasonal interest was active. Supplies were balanced to closely cleared on light weights, at least adequate on heavier sizes. In parts of the Midwest, heavy rains and floods caused delays or cancellations of deliveries in spot areas. In the parts structure, trading was limited with most needs met and regular commitments sufficient. Availability of all parts was more than adequate or available with some discounting on breast items noted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.25 cents last year on May 16, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.00
BREASTS - B/S	151.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	61.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with better movement into fast food, deli's, and for retail ads. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was moderate at best. Breast items were more available with interest slowing, but still moving well in some areas. The remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance. The 3.5 to 4 pound sizes were at least adequate but clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair with best draw noted into seasonal business. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were ample. Dark meat cuts were adequate.

MIDWEST The whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate or available on heavy weight whole fryers and WOG's, and limited on lighter weight birds. Trade interest was light as regular commitments handle current needs. Some heavy rains and flooding in Indiana, Missouri and Illinois have caused delays or omissions of deliveries in some locations. Retail and food service demand was irregular, slow to moderate with fast food providing best call. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were desirable. Offerings of parts items were sufficient, trading limited. The market tone was cautiously steady to instance weak on whole breasts and heavy weight boneless/skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on tenderloins and wings, steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings in close balance on smaller sized product and easily adequate on heavy weights. Buying interest was fair and selective. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best for parts and feature activities. Floor stocks were adequate overall.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/11/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	212,330	208,089
CHICKS PLACED	171,116	167,920
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+02
		+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 11, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 11, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 11, 2002 were 3.22 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The 15 State total is being discontinued on May 15, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 158.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 164.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.38 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 15, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	803	135.00-223.00	137-143	146.00
TENDERLOINS	110	110.00-195.00	110-115	133.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	78.00-83.00	80-81	81.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	26.00-37.00	26-27	27.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	399	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	18.00-26.00	19-20	20.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-66.00	-	62.65
WINGS (CUT)	471	64.00-76.00	64-66	67.39
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-41.50	-	37.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	135.00-223.00	138-142	140.36
TENDERLOINS	135	110.00-195.00	115	131.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	81.00-85.00	-	83.13
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	26.00-37.00	26-27	27.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	14.50-19.00	16-17	16.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	17.00-26.00	19-21	20.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-63.00	60-61	60.52
WINGS (CUT)	325	64.00-66.00	65-66	64.77
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.75 - 42.50	40.15	39.75 - 44.00	42.48	41.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair and noted as typical of midweek trading, however, most dealers were cautious and content to work from hand-to-mouth. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate but clearing well. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair with the occasional feature providing best draw. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady on wings and tenderloins, and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES MAY 14, 2002

MAY 15, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	137.62	579,480
TENDERLOINS	105-110	102.91	132,450
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.21	269,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	73.51	144,162
LEGS	32-33	35.07	158,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.08	687,393
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.77	153,310
THIGHS	25-26	29.57	140,100
B/S THIGHS	76-77	76.98	63,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	54.23	474,260
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.65	28,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.44	23,070
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.89	48,480

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	146.36	329,064
TENDERLOINS	105-110	104.77	137,510
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.89	245,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	70.29	198,280
LEGS	32-33	35.90	155,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.58	442,011
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.00	132,830
THIGHS	25-26	30.31	89,820
B/S THIGHS	76-77	73.40	85,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	59.75	342,108
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	39,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.72	15,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.90	32,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/15	05/14	05/13	05/10	05/13
ALA	3,985	3,968	3,920	3,981	5.11
ARK	5,255	5,299	5,163	5,320	4.95
DELMARVA	2,373	2,256	2,349	2,559	5.29
KY-LA-TN	2,003	2,024	2,039	1,961	4.64
MISS	2,842	2,794	2,855	2,844	5.36
NC	2,690	2,615	2,619	2,618	5.99
TEXAS	2,439	2,436	2,368	2,290	4.98
TOTAL	21,587	21,392	21,313	21,573	5.17
MON-WED 64,509 (A)					5.00
					21,384
					5.18
					64,398 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-May 02 and is estimated to be 32,297,000 up 0.65 percent from a week ago and up 5.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,089,000; last year 30,568,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-102
HENS OVER 5#	104-113
DUCKS	113
	94-98
	-
	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-MAY-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/18/02 (1)	05/11/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,052 (2)	164,340
LT HENS	2,012	2,103
HVY HENS	1,323	1,325
CHECK TOTAL	167,387	167,768

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-May-02 is 160.0 million head compared to 162.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.4 million head or 4.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-May-02 the estimated available is 159.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12-May-02	195,046	74,160
AM 1-May-02	151,242	71,915
CHG	43,804	2,245
PCT CHG	29	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/13/02	05/06/02	05/14/01	05/13/02	05/06/02	05/14/01
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	21,031	20,502	22,173	3,912	3,834	6,472
	353	98	1,208	2,452	2,147	2,627

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 13, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 5/14/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.86
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.05	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	1.05	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.55	.74
GEESE lb.	.80	1.80	1.08
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	2.10	2.40	2.23
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.40	1.04
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 113

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending MAY 10, 2002

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	60.18	133.74	76.42	19.11	19.11	52.54
High	64.96	143.29	85.97	28.66	23.88	52.54
Mostly	63.52	143.29	81.20	23.88	23.88	52.54

SAN JUAN

Low	63.05	133.74	85.97	33.43	14.33	52.54
High	65.91	152.84	100.30	42.99	19.11	52.54
Mostly	64.48	143.29	90.75	38.21	18.15	52.54

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	60.18	133.74	76.42	19.11	19.11	50.15
High	65.43	143.29	85.97	28.66	23.88	50.15
Mostly	64.48	143.29	81.20	23.88	23.88	50.15

BECERRA

Low	64.00	138.51	90.75	28.66	16.72	54.93
High	64.48	157.62	105.08	40.60	21.49	54.93
Mostly	64.48	148.06	95.53	35.82	19.11	54.93

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair, but continued to be sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts, tenders and wings were generally noted as readily available. Other cuts were fully sufficient with boneless skinless breasts reported in a better closer balance compared to last several days.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	48-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.16
NO. OF BOXES	8,785

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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